

#### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS/ OFFICE OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

# **EDA – Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver**Single Point of Entry (SPOE) – ACS

## What is the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Program?

The Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver Program provides certain services in the home or community to elderly or disabled adults who qualify.

This program does not individually or in combination with other OAAS programs provided 24 hour per day supports.

## If I qualify, what services may I receive from this program?

- Support Coordination (also known as case management)
- Transition Intensive Support Coordination (for people going from nursing facilities to the community)
- Transitional Services (for people going from nursing facilities to the community)
- Personal Assistance Service (supervision or assistance with in-home and/or community activities/tasks that allow a person to reside in his/her home; may be provided by one worker for up to 3 waiver participants who live together and who have a common direct service provider)
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (home modifications)
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Adult Day Health Care Service (Health/Medical and Social Services provided for 5 or more hours on a regularly scheduled basis for one or more days per week in a community-based center)

# Who can qualify for services?

# People who:

- Meet Medicaid financial eligibility AND
- Are 65 years old or older **OR**
- Are 21 years old or older with a disability that meets the Social Security Administration definition of disability
- Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care AND

- Meet **ONE** of the following:
- Be in a nursing facility and be able to be discharged if community-based services were available
- Be likely to require nursing facility admission within the next 120 days; **OR**
- Have a primary care-giver who has a disability or who is at least 70 years old.

## What are the 2010 income limits?

The income limits are \$2,022 for an individual and \$4,044 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care).

### What are the 2010 resource limits?

Resources are the things people own. When we count resources for this program, we do not count the person's home, the car they drive to medical appointments, or other basic resources.

- Single people can have no more than \$2,000 in resources. Couples can have no more than \$3,000 in resources when both spouses need long-term care.
- Married couples can have up to \$109,560 in resources, as long as one spouse at home **does not get** long-term care services.

# How can people request Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver Services?

The Department keeps an Elderly and Disabled Adult (EDA) Waiver Request for Services Registry (RFSR) (waiting list) of people who have asked for these services, along with the date of the request. Persons are offered the EDA Waiver according to the following priority groups: (1) People with substantiated cases of abuse or neglect with Adult Protective Services (APS) or Elderly Protective Services (EPS) who, absent EDA Waiver services, would require institutional placement to prevent further abuse and neglect; (2) people diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis; (3) people presently residing in nursing facilities for 90 or more days in a row; (4) people who are not presently receiving home and community based services (HCBS) under another approved Medicaid Waiver program, including, but not limited to, the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver, New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), Community Supports Waiver, and Residential Options Waiver; and (5) all other eligible persons on the RFSR, by date of first request for services.

To add your name to the EDA Request for Services Registry or if you have questions call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care at 1-877-456-1146 (TDD: 1-877-544-9544). You can call Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The call is free.